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SUBJ: ARGENTINA PRESSURING URUGUAY FOR SUPPORT ON ITAIPU MATTER

CINCSO FOR POLAD

1. ARGENTINE CONCERN OVER BRAZILIAN-PARAGUAYAN COLLABORATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF ITAIPU PROJECT ON PARANA RIVER IS HAVING REPERCUSSIONS IN URUGUAY. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES INSPIRED BY GOA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS ALONG LINES THAT EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMON TO TWO OR MORE STATES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON BASIS OF PRIOR CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG ALL AFFECTED STATES PRESUMABLY WOULD APPLY TO ALL LOWER RIPARIAN STATES IN THIS CASE ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND HERE THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURNING FROM ALGIERS, ARGENTINE FONMIN VIGNES INDICATED TO URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES HIS PLEASURE AT HOW WELL ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN NEGOTIATION ON THE RIVER PLATE BOUNDARY WERE PROCEEDING.

3. URUGUAYAN FONMIN BLANCO TOLD DCM RECENTLY THAT HE WAS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM BOTH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL OVER ITAIPU MATTER.

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FONOFF FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF OF CONVERSATION

REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND STATED GOU VIEWED THIS AS ONE OF VARIOUS SIGNALS WARNING GOU THAT SETTLEMENT OF LONG-STANDING BOUNDARY DISPUTE MIGHT WELL HINGE ON ITS SUPPORTING GOA ON ITAIPU.

4. GOU MOST ANXIOUS TO SETTLE RIO PLATA BOUNDARY AND, IN PRINCIPLE, DESIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION ON ANY PROJECT WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE PARANA OR THE RIVER PLATE ESTUARY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH GOB AND IS WILLING TO GO TO GREAT LENGTHS NOT TO ANTAGONIZE BRAZIL. GOU ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD EXTRACT IT FROM UNCOMFORTABLE DILEMMA IN WHICH IT FINDS ITSELF.
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